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Summary

[1.](#) (SBU) The Ambassador chaired a meeting of the Emergency Action Committee (EAC) on August 27 to review the Embassy's security posture following the local weekend. Members noted no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting. Accordingly, the EAC agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and force protection condition (FPCON) remain appropriate. End Summary.

Local Security Situation

[2.](#) (S/NF) On August 27, the Ambassador chaired a meeting of the full EAC to review the Embassy's security posture following the local weekend. The meeting opened with a discussion of the local security situation, which the EAC continued to characterize as stable. SIMO discussed general threat reporting directed at the Gulf Region as a whole (reftel F); however, the EAC noted no/no new threat information specific to Oman. Following concerns raised in the August 20 EAC (reftel E), RSO and SIMO confirmed that the initial report of a specific threat to Oman's airports was erroneous (reftel B). Members, including Duty Officer, cited no security incidents among their staffs or family members over the weekend, while CONS confirmed that there were no reported security incidents or security-related queries from the private American citizen community.

Emergency Preparedness

[3.](#) (SBU) RSO informed the EAC that on August 25, the Embassy's Emergency Action Plan (EAP) was approved by the Bureau of Diplomatic Security (reftel A). RSO noted the EAP will soon be published on the Diplomatic Security secure website, DS Source.

[4.](#) (SBU) ARSO briefed the EAC on the upcoming unannounced Embassy-wide bomb drill that will take place during the week of September 10-14. ARSO confirmed that notices regarding the drill and an updated Office Warden list will be issued. ARSO also reminded EAC members to review their emergency procedures and inform their Office Wardens to do the same.

Physical Security

[5.](#) (SBU) In reviewing the latest physical security upgrades, RSO discussed completion of construction of the motorpool safe area. Members were advised that new procedures regarding the utilization of the safe area will be published shortly.

[6.](#) (SBU) RSO also briefed the EAC on funds received to build a new guard booth (reftel D), improving security posture to the north side of the Embassy. The projected start date for construction is sometime in September.

EAC Conclusion

[7.](#) (S/NF) The EAC concluded that there have been no substantive changes in the local security environment since

the last meeting held on August 24 (refTel C). Accordingly, members agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and FPCON remain appropriate. Embassy Muscat remains acutely aware of the need to monitor both the regional and local security and threat environments, and is prepared to take the necessary countermeasures should changes to either occur. AMB, DCM, P/E (Duty Officer), MGT, RSO, ARSO, SIMO, PAO, CONS, MSG, DAO, OMC (USDR), and ECA (USCENTAF) participated in the meeting.

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